

BANGLADESH

a. SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
I. TERRITORIAL SEA	1878	U.K. Territorial Waters Jurisdiction Act	3nm	U.K. colonial legislation.
	Apr 74	Territorial Waters & Maritime Zones Act No. 26 & Proclamation No. LT-I/3/74	12nm	Foreign warships must obtain permission prior to transiting territorial sea. This requirement is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested requirement in 1982.
II. ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Apr 74	Territorial Waters & Maritime Zones Act No. 26		Enabling legislation for straight baselines.
	Apr 74	Proclamation No. LT-I/3/74		Established eight baseline points on 10-fathom contour. This straight baseline claim is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested claim in 1978. Operational assertions made in 1995 and 1996.
III. CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Apr 74	Territorial Waters & Maritime Zones Act, No. 26	18nm	Defined as a zone of the high seas extending 6nm beyond the outer limit of the territorial sea. Claims jurisdiction to enforce laws and regulations relating to security in zone. This claim is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested this claim in 1982.
IV. CONTINENTAL SHELF	Apr 74	Territorial Waters & Maritime Zones Act, No. 26		"...up to the outer limits of continental margin bordering on the ocean basin or abyssal floor."
	Aug 74	Petroleum Act		Government has exclusive right to explore/exploit petroleum.
V. FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Apr 74	Territorial Waters & Maritime Zones Act, No. 26		EEZ. Enabling legislation for "any zone of the high seas adjacent to the territorial waters." Authorized establishment of conservation zones and implementation of conservation measures therein.
	Apr 74	Proclamation No. LT-I/3/74	200nm	Established limits of EEZ.
VI. ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION	Apr 74	Territorial Waters & Maritime Zones Act, No. 26		Authorized government to take "appropriate measures" to control pollution "in the high seas adjacent to the territorial waters."
VIII. LOS CONVENTION	Dec 82			Signed.

b. DOMESTIC LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

1. STRAIGHT BASELINES

A. LEGISLATION.

Following are extracts from Proclamation No. LT-I/3/74 of the Government of Bangladesh of 13 April 1974:

1. In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Territorial Waters and Maritime Zones Act, 1974 (Act No. XXVI of 1974), and in supersession of any previous declaration on the subject, the Government is pleased to declare that the limits of the sea specified in paragraph 2 beyond the land territory and internal waters of Bangladesh shall be the territorial waters of Bangladesh.

2. The limits of the sea referred to in paragraph 1 shall be twelve nautical miles measured seaward and the baselines set out in paragraph 3 so that each point of the outer limit of the sea to the nearest point inward on the baselines is twelve nautical miles.

3. The baselines from which territorial waters shall be measured seaward are the straight lines linking successively the baseline points set out below:

Point	Geographical Coordinates	
	Latitude	Longitude
No. 1	21°12' 00" N.	89°06' 45" E.
No. 2	21°15' 00" N.	89°16' 00" E.
No. 3	21°29' 00" N.	89°36' 00" E.
No. 4	21°21' 00" N.	89°55' 00" E.
No. 5	21°11' 00" N.	90°33' 00" E.
No. 6	21°07' 30" N.	91°06' 00" E.
No. 7	21°10' 00" N.	91°56' 00" E.
No. 8	20°21' 45" N.	92°17' 30" E.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Territorial Waters and Maritime Zones Act, 1974 (Act No. XXVI of 1974), the Government is pleased to declare that the Zone of the high seas extending to 200 nautical miles measured from the baselines shall be the economic zone of Bangladesh.